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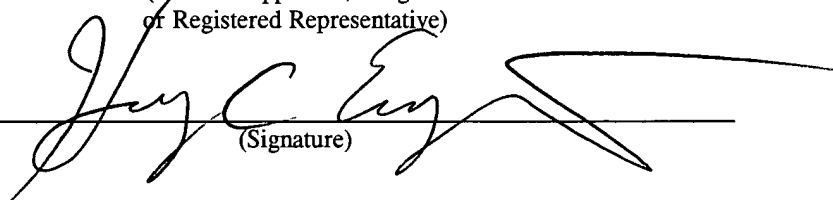
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For: **CANOPY FEED METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A TRIM PRESS**

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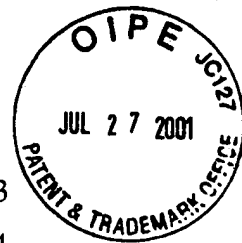
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Dear Sir:

With respect to the examination of the above-referenced application, applicant submits the following documents, copies of which are enclosed. These documents are also listed on an accompanying Form PTO-1449.

**U.S. PATENTS**

<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
Arends, et al.	4,173,161	Nov. 6, 1979
Arends, et al.	4,306,474	Dec. 22, 1981
Wendt	4,360,139	Nov. 23, 1982



Greynolds, et al.	4,380,183	Apr. 19, 1993
Keim	4,430,914	Feb. 14, 1984
White	3,461,760	Aug. 19, 1969
Brown, et al.	4,890,524	Jan. 2, 1990

#### OTHER DOCUMENTS

Brown Machine, T-350-L Trim Press (brochure) published prior to 2001.

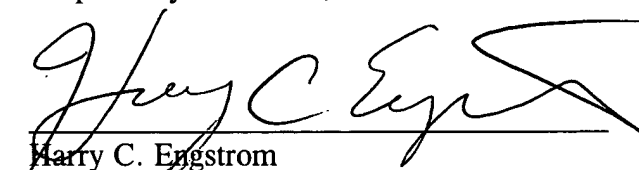
Photographs of conventional canopy feed apparatuses in use in the United States prior to 2001.

#### REMARKS

The foregoing patents relate to trim presses and to plastic sheet feeding mechanisms for trim presses. The brochure by Brown Machine, T-350-L Trim Press, was published prior to 2001 and shows a standard type of commercial trim press with a canopy feed structure for use with thermoformed sheet material that has been used commercially in the United States for several years prior to the filing of the present application. The photographs show a conventional canopy feed apparatus of the type in commercial use in the United States prior to the present invention.

It is requested that the foregoing documents be considered during examination of the accompanying application and be specifically made of record therein.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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